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1. BARRING UNFORESEEN EVENTS, EMBASSY CONFIRMS THE ATTENDANCE OF GRANT, COHEN, AND FLOYD AT SALZBURG ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER CONFERENCE AND ATTENDANCE OF BASORA AND MEIMA AT DUBROVNIK CONFERENCE.

2. AMONG TOPICS THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE AGENDA FOR THESE CONFERENCES ARE:

--CURRENT USG POLICY ON TRADE PROMOTION AND THE RESULTS AND EFFECTS OF SECRETARY KREPS TASK FORCE REPORT (HOW WILL THIS AFFECT USG TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMS?)
--THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR US TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMS (THE FALL OF THE DOLLAR HAS NOT YET HAD THE EFFECT ON TRADE BALANCES ANTICIPATED BY SOME WASHINGTON ECONOMISTS);
--THE MTN AND ITS POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON TRADE (WILL THE TREND TOWARD PROTECTIONISM BE HALTED BY THE MTN?)
--THE COUNTRY COMMERCIAL PROGRAM (CAN THE CCP BE USED AS A TOOL TO SET PRIORITIES FOR "NON-DISCRETIONARY" TIME AS WELL AS FOR A DIMINISHING AMOUNT OF DISCRETIONARY TIME?)

--ZERO BASED BUDGETING, MODE CEILINGS AND WASHINGTON
PERSONNEL POLICIES AND THEIR LIKELY EFFECT ON
ECONOMIC/COMMERICAL WORK (HOW WILL THE RECENT LOSS
OF POSITIONS, BOTH US AND LOCAL, AFFECT THE FUTURE
OF US TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAMS IN WESTERN EUROPE?)
--ROLE OF THE CONSULATES IN THE CCP (HOW CAN
CONSULATE CONTRIBUTIONS BEST BE COORDINATED?)
--ROLE OF THE COMMERCIAL OFFICER IN ECONOMIC POLICY
AND REPORTING FUNCTIONS (HOW DO TRULY INTEGRATED
ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTIONS OPERATE?)
--REVIEW OF CURRENT USDOC TRADE PROMOTION PROGRAM
PRIORITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF ITA PLANNED REORGANIZATION.
(IN VIEW OF RESOURCES LIMITATIONS, SHOULDN'T WE
CONCENTRATE MORE INTENSE EFFORTS ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE
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PROGRAMS RATHER THAN SPREADING OURSELVES THINNER?)
--IMC'S (WHAT SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM ECON/COMMER-
CIAL SECTIONS, ESPECIALLY FROM POSTS IN
NON-HOME BASE COUNTRIES?)
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